

Chapter 10

FAIRMOUNT SECTION

The Fairmount section is the area south of Fairmount Avenue from the intersection with Meyersville Road to Southern Boulevard extending up the slopes to the top of the ridge. The slopes generally range from 0% to 20% although there are small areas with 25% slopes. Also included are the parcels on the north side of Fairmount Avenue between Southern Boulevard and the western intersection with Runnymede Road. Those parcels have characteristics, sloped and dry, similar to the rest of the section. Most of the lots are a half-acre in size although several are up to an acre.

Older houses are found along Fairmount Avenue, some built in the 1800s, while relatively newer houses, most built in the 1960s or later, range up the slopes. Stormwater control in the generally sloped loamy soil is a consideration on most of the lots. There is a potable water storage tower in the eastern portion at the top of the ridge. A power line right-of-way crosses the section in the western area. The Fairmount section lies in the Great Swamp watershed - all rainwater drains north into the Great Swamp. The parcels outside the section on the opposite side of the ridge are not in the Great Swamp watershed since there the rain drains into the Passaic River, not the Swamp.

OPEN SPACE

There is no Township-owned or other open space in the Fairmount section, which is built out. The power line right-of-way is so heavily devegetated that it provides virtually no habitat and harbors few if any native plant species.